



The Neebing News

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December 2025

COME FIND US AT THE PARADE OF LIGHTS

DECEMBER 6TH 2025 AT 7PM




NFRA PRESENTS:
Our 2025

Holiday Cookie & Treat Sale

Saturday, December 13th
1:00pm to 3:30pm
at the Blake Hall

Come for our 'almost famous'

COOKIE WALK & TREAT TABLES

PENNY AUCTION
(Closes at 3:00pm)

LOCAL VENDORS
Always great finds

Plus:
50/50 Tickets
Coffee & Tea
Visiting area downstairs



Neebing Rec Committee is happy to host:

Breakfast with Santa

December 6, 2025

71 Blake Hall Rd
Doors open at 9:30am
10 - 11am breakfast only
11 - 12:30pm crafts, games, face painting, cookie decorating & pictures

Advance ticket sales only.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Bring your own camera for pictures!
Please call the Municipal office for more details
807-474-5331

Come dressed in your best **UGLY SWEATER!**

TICKETS ON SALE NOV 3RD - DEC 1ST AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE. CASH ONLY.

ADULTS \$15
KIDS 4-10 yrs \$10
INFANTS 0-3 yrs \$1



THE NEEBING REC COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO

Family Skate Night

FEBRUARY 7th, 2025
OUTDOOR PAVILION AT CENTURY PARK
TIME: 5pm - 7pm




Popcorn, s'mores, hot chocolate and coffee will be provided free of charge. Hot dogs will be \$2 each. Crafts and a movie will be held inside the hall. Come on out and enjoy our first family skate night!

HELMETS ARE MANDATORY FOR CHILDREN AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR ADULTS.

Municipality of Neebing Christmas Season Office Closures



The Municipal Office will close at end regular business hours on Friday, December 19, 2025, and will then re-open on January 5, 2026.

Landfill site hours remain unchanged.

The Roads Crew will be monitoring weather and will respond accordingly. Voicemail left on the Municipal Office telephone line will be checked.

Best of the Season to Everyone!

Volunteers Needed for Outdoor Rinks

The Municipality of Neebing is looking for volunteers to help keep the rinks at the Blake Hall Pavilion and Alf Olsen Memorial Park clear of snow for the upcoming skating season. If you're interested in helping this season, please contact the office at 807-474-5331.



Season's Greetings from Neebing Council

L-R: Curtis Coulson (Pardee), Gordon Cuthbertson (Councillor at Large), Mark Thibert (Mayor), Katherine Hill (Blake), Brian Wright (Crooks), Brian Kurikka (Scoble), and Gary Gardner (Pearson)



What's Been Happening at Council Meetings

Since the November edition, there have been two regular meetings of Council on November 5 and 19, 2025, and one special meeting of Council on November 5, 2025.

At the special Council meetings on November 5, 2025, Council reviewed an application for a minor variance for a reduced side yard setback.

At the regular Council meeting on November 5th, the following matters were considered:

- Council heard a deputation regarding a proposed road to access lots at Van Johnson Blvd.
- Council reviewed traffic calming options for Sturgeon Bay Road.
- Council passed a by-law to approve the minor variance application reviewed at the Special Council meeting.
- Council passed a by-law to approve alternative voting methods.

At the regular Council meeting on November 19th, the following matters were considered:

- Heard a deputation regarding a request for improvements at the Little Pigeon Bay Boat Launch.
- Council declared a property on Sturgeon Bay Road surplus for the purposes of sale.
- Council approved updates to various human resources related policies.
- Council approve an application for a second entrance on a property.
- Council discussed the proposed boundaries for regional consolidation of the conservation authorities.
- Council passed a by-law to appoint members to the Senior's Development Steering Committee.
- Council passed a by-law to execute an agreement for funding for the FireSmart Implementation Program.

The next Council meetings will be held on December 3 and 17, 2025. Regular Council meetings are normally scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month; however, there is only one meeting in January, July and August.

This article contains only highlights from Council meetings – visit the website to see the approved minutes from each of the meetings. The minutes of each meeting are approved at the following meeting and are posted on the website once they have been approved and signed. If you don't have internet capabilities, you can always contact the office for copies of approved minutes.

Meeting agendas are always posted online on the Friday prior to the Wednesday meeting. Come out and see what your Council is doing on your behalf. Feel free to contact the Municipal Office for further information or with input into any of the items that Council is considering. **The meetings are now being held at the Municipal Office, but there is the option to attend virtually as well. The links to login to the meetings are posted on our website in the calendar details.**

**Join us for
Sandra Milne's
77th Birthday
Celebration
on Sunday December 14th, 2025!**



**Open house from
1pm to 5pm at Blake
Community Hall.
71 Blake Hall Rd,
Neebing
ON P7L 0B4**

**Thank you,
Karen and Bill Mitchell!**



The Neebing Recreation Committee would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Karen and Bill Mitchell for their generous donation of hockey nets. Your support helps provides a great opportunity for residents – especially our young players - to enjoy time outdoors and stay active. Thank you for your kindness!

**EMERGENCY TEXT ALERT SERVICE
for Neebing Residents**



Sign up for Neebing's Emergency Text Alert Service. This text alert service is used to notify our residents **via text message** of immediate dangers or emergencies occurring in our community such as evacuations, road closures, forest fires and other hazards.

Sign up is free but you must have a smartphone equipped to receive text messages to use this service as it does not work on land lines.

Sign up at neebing.org/textalerts or send us your name, Neebing address, and your text-enabled cell phone number including area code to neebing@neebing.org or call us at 474-5331. Your personal information is kept strictly confidential. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the office.

How to Contact the Neebing Municipal Office

Office hours: Monday – Friday (9:00am – 5:00pm)

Phone: (807) 474 5331

Email: Neebing@neebing.org Website: www.neebing.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/neebing

Instagram: www.instagram.com/municipalityofneebing/

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

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577-1963

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**May all your paths in
2026
lead to happiness, health & home.**

From the Board & associates at **Pennock Village**

NEEBING LANDFILL NEWS



Winter Landfill Hours
A reminder that winter hours start at the landfill on October 1st
Saturdays: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sundays: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm



Garbage Punch Cards
Regular household garbage requires a punch on your Municipal Punch Card. Be sure to bring your punch card to the landfill each time. No punch card means you will not be permitted to dump your garbage.



Back to Bags for Plastics & Cans
Please BAG your plastics and cans. Clear and blue bags are recommended. Bags help to keep the mountain of recycling much more manageable. Cardboard does not have to be bagged, only flattened.

Contact Us - Municipality of Neebing

Complaints, Concerns, or Questions: Want action on a problem? Want answers to your Municipal questions? Get accurate information right from the source: www.neebing.org or call the office at 807-474-5331. Report your concern, voice your complaint, or get answers to your Municipal questions with the click of a mouse or a phone call.

Emergency Road Condition Reporting: If you encounter an emergency road condition such as a washout, a sinkhole, etc., please call the Municipal Office direct 474-5331 even if you are calling outside of regular office hours (Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm). Leave us a detailed voice message as the municipal voice mailbox is monitored to help us act quickly when such emergency issues occur.

Municipal complaints or concerns posted on social media forums or website pages not maintained by the Municipality are not monitored or recorded. Please, contact the Municipal Office direct - we are here to help!

VOLLEYBALL DROP-IN CO-ED 18+ FUN LEAGUE

Event Details

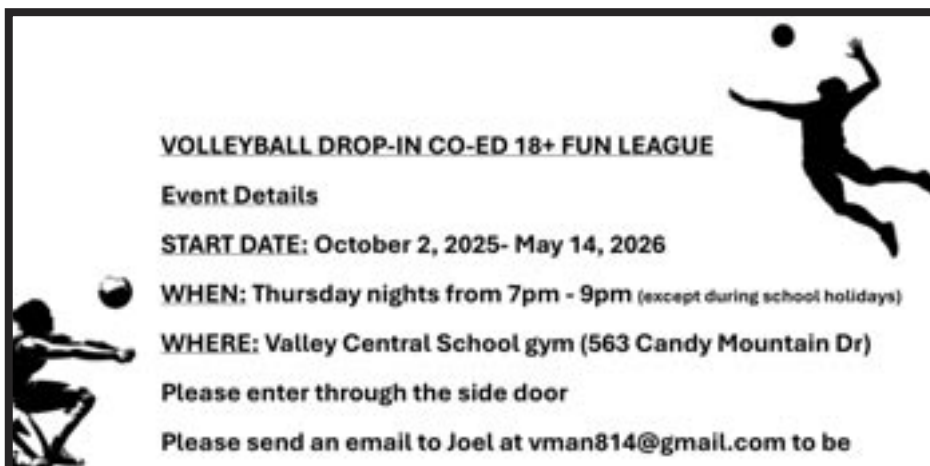
START DATE: October 2, 2025- May 14, 2026

WHEN: Thursday nights from 7pm - 9pm (except during school holidays)

WHERE: Valley Central School gym (563 Candy Mountain Dr)

Please enter through the side door

Please send an email to Joel at vman814@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.



Christmas Wrapping Paper

The holiday season brings joy, gifts, and unfortunately, a significant surge in household waste. A common question after the presents are unwrapped is: can Christmas wrapping paper be recycled? The answer is “no”.

Why Wrapping Paper is Garbage

Putting wrapping paper into the recycling bin can cause the processing facility to reject a whole batch of otherwise recyclable materials.

- **Contamination Risk:** The dyes in wrapping paper interfere with the pulping process at recycling facilities.
- **Low Fibre Value:** Most traditional gift wrap has minimal valuable fibre left for recycling once the ink and coatings are considered, making it an undesirable material for the recycling stream.
- **Non-Paper Additives:** Items like metallic coatings, glitter, and plastic films are common in gift wrap and are not recyclable.

Sustainable Alternatives and Reuse Ideas

The most sustainable approach is to reduce or eliminate the use of traditional wrapping paper altogether. Get creative and use recyclable or reusable materials for gift wrapping:

- **Reuse is the best option:** Save ribbons, bows, and paper to be reused for future holidays.
- **Opt for plain, recyclable paper:** Use simple **brown kraft paper** or **old newspapers** (the comic section is a colourful option!) and decorate with natural, compostable materials like string or sprigs of greenery.
- **Embrace fabric wrapping (Furoshiki):** The traditional Japanese method of wrapping gifts in reusable fabric like scarves or bandannas is a beautiful, waste-free option.
- **Choose durable gift bags, tins, or baskets:** These can be used repeatedly for years to come.

For more information on sorting and disposal guidelines visit <https://www.neebing.org/living-in-neebing/landfill-and-recycling/>.



You'll soon be able to recycle more than ever before!

Starting January 1, 2026:

- You'll be able to recycle the same materials, no matter where you live across the province.
 - You'll be able to recycle more materials than ever before, including black plastic containers, hot and cold beverage cups, deodorant, toothpaste tubes, frozen juice containers, and ice cream tubs, to name a few!
 - Recycling questions will go to the collection contractor.
- Visit circularmaterials.ca/ON to view the enhanced materials list and to learn more.

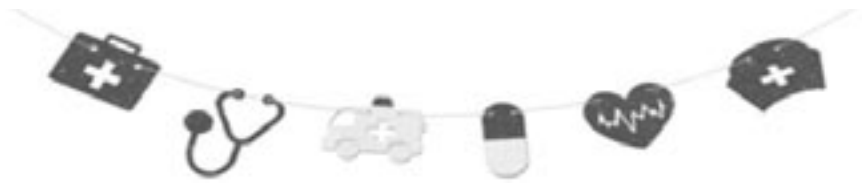


Emergency Response Registry

The Emergency Response Registry is a joint venture between Neebing's Emergency Management and Emergency Services departments.

The Emergency Response Registry is a service that allows residents with disabilities and/or their caregivers to submit critical information about their living accommodations. The information is used to assist firefighters and emergency responders to quickly locate and/or contact individuals so we can provide additional care in the case of an emergency such as an evacuation.

Visit www.neebing.org/beprepared and join the Emergency Response Registry by filling out the online form. Paper copies of the form are also available at the Municipal Office.



Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

by Meaghan Forneri, Deputy Chief of Medical Operations

Tis the season to have a house full of presents, food and lots of company! This joyful season can also come some scary moments. From choking incidents to cardiac emergencies, we at Neebing Emergency Services would like to send you some helpful tips, and reminders to ensure having a safe Christmas season!

There are so many hearty foods on our tables at this time of year, from turkey, ham, so many kinds of potatoes, desserts and so many yummy treats! Along with these tasty foods-- come choking risks.

Choking occurs when an object or food becomes lodged in the airway, blocking the flow of air to the lungs. The signs and symptoms of choking can vary depending on the severity of the obstruction. Here are the common signs and symptoms to look for:

MILD CHOKING (Partial Obstruction):

Coughing: The person may cough forcefully in an attempt to clear the obstruction.

Wheezing: Difficulty breathing or wheezing sounds as air tries to pass through the narrowed airway.

Gagging: Difficulty swallowing or gagging as the body tries to expel the foreign object.

Inability to speak clearly: The person may be able to speak but with difficulty or a hoarse voice.

Difficulty breathing: Slight to moderate shortness of breath or rapid breathing.

SEVERE CHOKING (Complete Obstruction):

Inability to cough, speak, or breathe: The person may be unable to produce sound or cry out for help.

Gasping for air: The person may make desperate attempts to breathe, but air cannot enter the lungs.

Panic or distress: The individual may show signs of panic, fear, or anxiety as they try to breathe & remove the object.

Blue or pale skin (Cyanosis): Skin, especially around the lips, face, or fingernails, may turn blue or pale due to lack of oxygen.

Loss of consciousness: If the obstruction is not cleared, the person may lose consciousness due to oxygen deprivation.

WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE IS CHOKING:

If they can cough or speak: Encourage them to cough forcefully to try to clear the airway.

If they can't breathe or speak: Perform the abdominal thrusts or back blows, depending on the person's age and condition.

Call for emergency help immediately: If the person is not able to clear the obstruction or loses consciousness, call emergency services right away.

For infants: Use gentle back blows and chest thrusts instead of abdominal thrusts.

IT IS CRUCIAL NOT TO DELAY CALLING 911!

HOW TO PERFORM BACK BLOWS:

1. Position the person:

Stand behind the person and lean them forward slightly (head lower than the chest).

2. Support their chest:

Place one arm across their chest to hold them steady.

3. Deliver back blows:

Use the heel of your other hand to strike firmly between their shoulder blades (center of the back).

Deliver up to 5 back blows.

4. Check:

After each blow, check if the person can breathe or cough. If the object is still stuck, proceed to abdominal thrusts.

HOW TO PERFORM ABDOMINAL THRUSTS:

1. Position Yourself:

Stand behind the person.

Place your arms around their waist.

2. Form a Fist:

Make a fist with one hand and place the thumb side against the person's abdomen, just above the navel.

3. Grasp Your Fist:

With your other hand, grasp your fist.

4. Perform Thrusts:

Press inward and upward with quick, forceful thrusts.

Repeat until the object is dislodged or help arrives.

Note: If the person becomes unconscious, begin CPR immediately and call for professional help immediately.

CALLING 911—WHAT TO EXPECT

When you call 911 for someone who is choking, emergency services will respond and send help.

Here's a general breakdown of what happens:

1. The Dispatcher Takes Information:

Location: The dispatcher will first ask for the address and location of the emergency to send paramedics or emergency medical technicians (EMTs) right away.

Details about the Situation: You'll be asked to describe what's happening. The dispatcher may ask if the person is conscious, coughing, or able to breathe, as this helps determine the urgency of the situation and the appropriate response.

Other Information: You will be asked to confirm the age of the person, any medical conditions they may have, or if the choking was caused by a specific object or food.

2. You May Be Given Instructions:

If you're able to, the dispatcher will guide you through the steps of performing **first aid** while you wait for emergency personnel to arrive. For infants and children, pregnant women, people in wheelchairs, or someone

you cannot get your arms around, the dispatcher will give you specific guidance on how to perform these specific maneuvers safely.

3. Medical Professionals Arrive:

Once first response or paramedics arrive, they will take over the situation. They may administer oxygen, use advanced techniques like suction or intubation to clear the airway, or transport the person to the hospital if needed.

4. Post-Care:

If the choking person recovers (the object is dislodged) they may still need medical evaluation to make sure their airway is clear, and that no injuries occurred during the choking episode.

Choking is a serious medical emergency that can lead to death in a matter of minutes if not handled quickly and effectively. Even if you're unsure about what to do, calling 911 immediately is the best choice so professionals can guide you through the process.

This may sound very scary, and it can be, but by following these simple steps--you could be the reason your loved one's life is saved! Take care this holiday season, enjoy time with loved ones, and stay safe. And don't forget we are always here ready to help whenever you call!

Stay Safe, Celebrate Right: Your Ultimate Guide to Holiday Safety

Written by Fawn Kellar, Captain/Public Information Officer



As the holiday season approaches, Canadians across the country are getting ready to decorate their homes with Christmas trees and sparkling lights. While these festive traditions bring warmth and joy, they also come with potential risks. Following safety guidelines can help prevent fires, electrical hazards, and other accidents, ensuring a safe and happy holiday for you and your loved ones.

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY

Whether you opt for a real or artificial Christmas tree, safety should be a priority.

For Real Trees:

- **Choose Fresh Trees:** When selecting a real tree, make sure it's fresh. Check for needles that are green and flexible, not brittle. Fresh trees are less likely to dry out and catch fire.
- **Water Regularly:** A dry tree is a fire hazard. Keep the tree hydrated by watering it daily. A dry tree can catch fire easily, and flames can spread rapidly.
- **Placement:** Place your tree away from heat sources, such as fireplaces, radiators, or space heaters. Avoid blocking exits with your tree, ensuring a clear path for evacuation in case of emergency.

For Artificial Trees:

- **Check for Fire Resistance:** Choose a fire-resistant artificial tree, which is made of materials designed to slow the spread of flames.
- **Inspect for Damage:** Before setting up, inspect the tree for any frayed wires or broken parts that could pose an electrical hazard.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SAFETY

Lights add beauty and charm to the holiday season, but faulty lights or improper use can lead to fires or electrical accidents.

- **Use Proper Lights for Outdoors and Indoors:** Make sure you're using lights rated for outdoor use if you're decorating your porch, garden, or trees outside. Indoor lights may not be designed to withstand the elements, increasing the risk of electrical shock or fire.
- **Inspect Lights Before Use:** Before plugging in your Christmas lights, check for any exposed wires, broken bulbs, or damaged cords. Discard any defective lights.
- **Don't Overload Circuits:** Avoid overloading electrical circuits by plugging too many light strings into one socket. Overloaded circuits can overheat, creating a fire risk. Use a power bar with a built-in circuit breaker for added protection.
- **Turn Off Lights When Not in Use:** Always turn off Christmas lights before going to bed or leaving the house. Unattended lights increase the risk of fire.
- **Follow Manufacturer Instructions:** Make sure to follow the instructions for installation and maximum wattage on your light sets. Be mindful of the recommended usage to prevent overheating.

GENERAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS

- **Use Outdoor-Rated Extension Cords:** If you need an extension cord for outdoor decorations, ensure it's rated for outdoor use and can handle the wattage required by your lights.
- **Avoid Using Damaged Cords:** Check all cords for visible damage, such as frays, cuts, or exposed wires. Damaged cords should be replaced immediately.
- **Hire a Professional for Complex Installations:** If you plan to install lights in high or hard-to-reach places, consider hiring a professional to ensure everything is installed safely.
- **Ensure UL or CSA certification:** Make sure your lights are certified by recognized safety organizations, like UL (Underwriters Laboratories) or CSA (Canadian Standards Association).

Christmas is a time for celebration, but safety should always come first. By taking simple precautions with your Christmas tree and lights, you can reduce the risk of fires and accidents and enjoy a festive season with peace of mind. Stay safe and have a wonderful holiday season!



**From Farm to Face:
A New Chapter for Maple Ridge Farm & Co.**



From Farm to Face: A New Chapter for Maple Ridge Farm & Co. For more than **70 years**, the land that is now Maple Ridge Farm & Co. has been home to generations of farming and homesteading in **Neebing**. Officially established as a business in **2016**, the farm has remained true to its roots — **offering grass-fed beef, seasonal pastured pork, and pure maple syrup**, all raised and produced with care, sustainability, and respect for tradition.

This year marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter with the launch of **Sweet Swine Skincare** — a handcrafted line of **natural soaps, creams, sun protection balms, and other body care products** made from **rendered farm-raised pork tallow**. Born from a desire to use every part of what the farm provides, this new venture embraces a back-to-basics philosophy: each product is **free from synthetic fragrances, dyes, and harsh preservatives**, and made with simple, recognizable ingredients that **nourish and protect the skin naturally**.

Rich in vitamins **A, D, E, and K**, tallow closely mimics our skin's natural oils, helping to **restore moisture, support skin barrier health, and promote a healthy, radiant glow** — proof that sometimes the simplest ingredients are the most effective.

With plans to continue creating more **tallow-based products**, Maple Ridge Farm & Co. blends tradition with innovation — proving that sometimes the best way forward is rooted in where we began.

Our **small-batch, handcrafted items** are currently available through our Facebook page (facebook.com/schifferfarms)

or by contacting:
807-632-0238 or shschiffer@hotmail.ca

Neebing Art Show was Great!

Neebing held the One People One Planet One Justice Art Show at the Municipal Office from October 17 to October 31. There were nine items in the show and Visitors were encouraged to nominate their favourite for a Community Choice Award. Two pieces tied for the Award, "Enigma" by David Lightwood, and "Ancestors" by Joanne Kelly. Below are some of the comments received from Visitors to the show:

- Incredible talent and vision
- Awesome display of artistic talent
- Love how the pieces were displayed on the wood logs
- It is my first art show in that I have been to in Neebing!

These pieces are so magnificent, relevant and creative.

Keep up the amazing work. Migwech

Thank you to the all the people that helped make this first Art Show a success!

Come Jesus Come
Christmas Music Night

Slate River Baptist Church
Sunday Dec. 7th, 6:30pm
80 McCluskey Dr.
807-475-5140

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST
Christian Folk Singer/Songwriter
Gabriel Marchuk

Music, Fellowship, Refreshments
Outdoor Live Nativity
Admission is Free
All are Welcome

There will be a free will offering for the Rural Cupboard Foodbank



*Please come out and join us
at Pinegrove United Church
100 - Hwy 130
Admission is free
and all are welcome!*

December 18 - Christmas Celebration!

Lunch 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

*Volunteers are also welcome (and needed)
For more information about Cafe del Soul,
please visit www.pinegroveuc.org/cafe-del-soul/*



**THE RURAL HERITAGE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Monday, January 26, 2026

**60 Plus Centre-Hwy 11/17 Kakabeka Falls 7PM Mem-
bership \$10 due at meeting in order to vote Mark your
Calenders**

Christmas Eve

Traditional Candlelight & Carols Service



Slate River Baptist Church

80 McCluskey Dr.

Dec. 24th, 6:30pm

All are Welcome

807-475-5140

*Merry
Christmas!*



Neebing Art Show



Thank you to all who attended Pickled Pike Craft's workshops at the Blake Hall in November. We had a wonderful couple of weekends together crafting and laughing. We also donated \$140 that has gone towards supplies for the decontamination bay that is being constructed at the Municipal Complex on highway 61. **Good Job!!!**

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 December 6th, 2025
 at 7:00 p.m.**

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Neebing Fire/Rescue Association

NFRA News

Respectfully submitted: Joy Harris NFRA President

DECEMBER

A number of years ago, when I finally stopped cutting down my own Christmas tree, I bought a 'fake' one. I searched until I found one that actually looked as close to real as I could get. I was resigned to trading the wonderful smell of pine for convenience.

What I hadn't realized was how much happiness it would bring me. Really. I now can put up the tree in mid-November without worrying about needle drop! I do not put on decorations yet, but having it's soft white lights glowing in the corner of my room to brighten the ever-darkening evenings, brings a smile to my face.

This month, I will add a string of coloured lights and more 'festive' colours to my decorating, but that tree has started my season off right.

I hope this month brings you happiness too. Look for small ways to 'brighten' your own life, they don't have to be big, just meaningful to you.



These are the last weeks to buy NRFA 50/50 tickets to be in the draw on **December 31st**!

What a wonderful gift for you or your loved ones!
Get yours now.

FOR DETAILS AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

www.neebingfireandrescueassociation.com/events/draw

December's 50/50 Cash Raffle #4 !



Are you in?

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NFRA PRESENTS:

Our 2025

Holiday Cookie & Treat Sale

Saturday, December 13th

1:00pm to 3:30pm

at the Blake Hall

There have been **amazing donations** for the **Penny Auction** this year, don't miss it! Thank you to all who have contributed.

Let's go from **COOKIE DOUGH** to **HO HO HO** for NES!

Money raised will support new equipment purchases for the Decontamination Bay 😊

Be safe, be well and be kind.

Joy Harris
NFRA – President

Questions/Comments? Email us at nfraevents@gmail.com.

NFRA will be holding our annual **Cookie & Treat Sale** with Penny Auction on Saturday, December 13th.



We have made changes to dates for our 50/50 for 2026:
NOTE: After the December 31st draw, **tickets for the next quarterly draw, our Spring Draw, will go on sale January 6th, 2026.** (not immediately after the draw on December 31st). This change is to ensure the last draw of 2026 happens when the Municipal Office is open.

Upcoming NFRA 50/50 Draw Dates:

2025 Draw #4 – December 31st @1pm
2026 #1 Spring Draw- March 25th @1pm
2026 #2 Summer Draw – June 24th @1pm
2026 #3 Autumn Draw – September 23rd @ 1pm
2026 #4 Winter Draw – January 6 2027 @1pm

FOR DETAILS AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
www.neebingfirerescueassociation.com/events/draw
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& TREAT TABLES

PENNY AUCTION
[Closes at 3:00pm]

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 Coffee & Tea
 Visiting area downstairs

This event is a success each year due to your donations of baking.

Donations of cookies, bars and treats to offer for sale at the Cookie Walk are most welcome. If you can help us out, please contact a Board member, message us at nfraevents@gmail.com, or drop it off at the times below.

Baking donations can be dropped off at the Blake Hall on:
 ☺ Friday December 12th, between 11am and 1pm, or
 ☺ Saturday December 13th before the doors open at 1pm.
 Thank YOU!!

Thank you!!

You will be able to buy NFRA 50/50 tickets for cash, debit or credit card at this event

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

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We sincerely thank all those that continue to support the food bank. Your donations enable the food bank to remain open

Next Food Bank Wed. December 10!
Registration 9 am to 11 am Drive-Thru Pick-up



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Thanks Geoff, OAS Secretary

RURAL CUPBOARD FOODBANK DROP OFF LOCATIONS

- Oliver Paipoonge: Murillo & Rosslyn Libraries (during open hours)
- Nolalu: Hoppers Variety
- Gillies: Whitefish School (Sept to June)
- O'Connor: O'Connor Municipal Office
- Neebing: Neebing Municipal Building

Note: Rural Cupboard Foodbank needs recyclable bags.

A BIG THANK YOU to Neebing Recreational Committee for the donation from their Harvest Dinner and ongoing support.

Traditional Christmas Dinner at Kakabeka Legion in support of Rural Cupboard Food Bank will be December 21st, 5pm. Tickets \$40 per adult and children 12 and older \$20, available at the Legion ahead of time or at the door at day of dinner.

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A BIG THANK YOU to OPG for the generous donation in support of our holiday endeavours.

A BIG THANK YOU to the ODENA for hosting our fall food drive and for all those who generously donated.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday December 7th, 2-4pm

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Rural Seniors, Couples and Singles can call 211 to register for Christmas Cheer Hamper and pickup will be at RCFB on distribution day
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- Weaving - 10 - 3
- Knitting - 10 - 3
- Good Company Choir - 1 - 2:30
- Wednesday** - Craft Room 10 - 3
- Beginners Carving - 10 - 3
- Quilting - 10 - 3
- Cribbage - 1 - 3
- Thursday** - Craft Room 10 - 3
- Yoga 10 - 11
- Weaving - 10 - 3
- Knitting - 10 - 3
- Friday** - Craft Room open - 10 - 3

Next Dementia Café is Friday December 12th.

Contact Shaun or Elaine for more information at 807-473-5528.
Rural 60 Plus will be closed from end of day Friday December 19th, opening again on Monday January 5th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone!

Rural Dementia Café



Join us for a monthly gathering in a supportive space for individuals affected by memory concerns or dementia, along with their families, caregivers and friends. We will have music, games and snacks in a safe and welcoming environment where all are welcome.

- September 26, 2025
- October 24, 2025
- November 28, 2025
- December 12, 2025

1:00 PM- 3:00 PM

- January 23, 2026
- February 27, 2026
- March 27, 2026

For more information:

Contact Shaun or Elaine at (807)-473-5528
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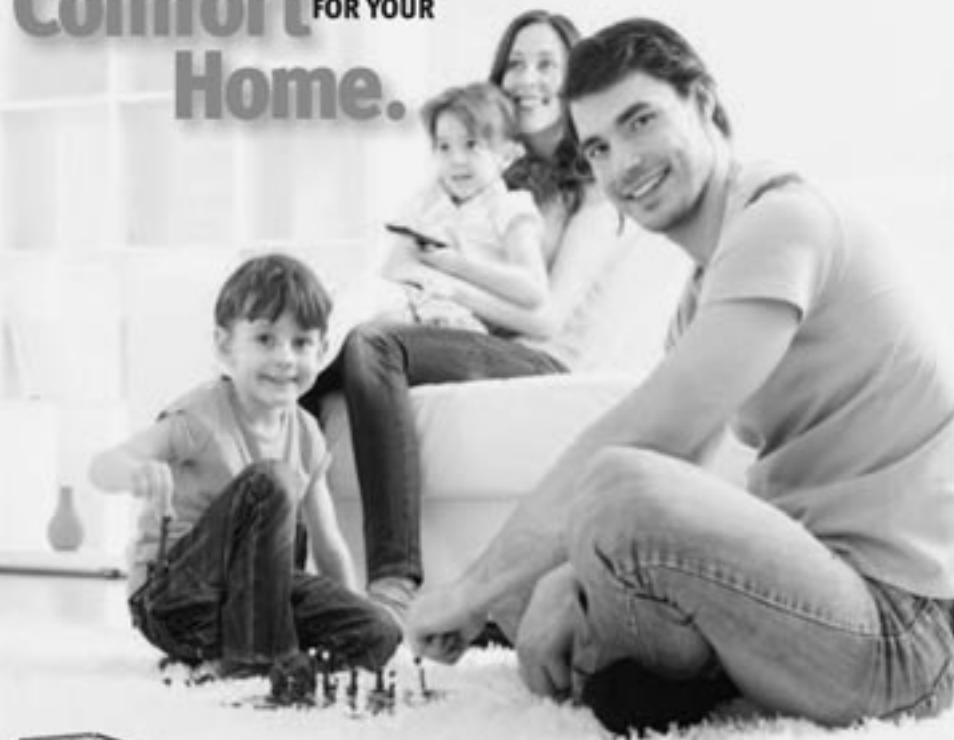
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CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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Get out and Explore!

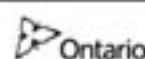
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SEE YOU SOON!**

NEEBING NEWS

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Deadline for the 2026 issue of

The Neebing News is **TUESDAY JANUARY 5!**

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(Early submissions are always very welcome!)

Send info to Chris Vaclav at designhouse@tbaytel.net 807-628-7271

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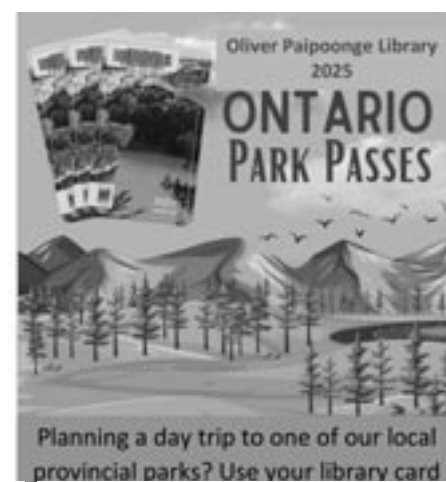
Every Tuesday: Bands and Balls } At Rosslyn Hall from
Every Thursday Weights } 11:30 to 12:00

No Registration necessary.

We still have room for anyone wishing to keep active and join others in fun, laughter and conversation.

These activities are open to anyone interested in getting out of the house and meeting new people.

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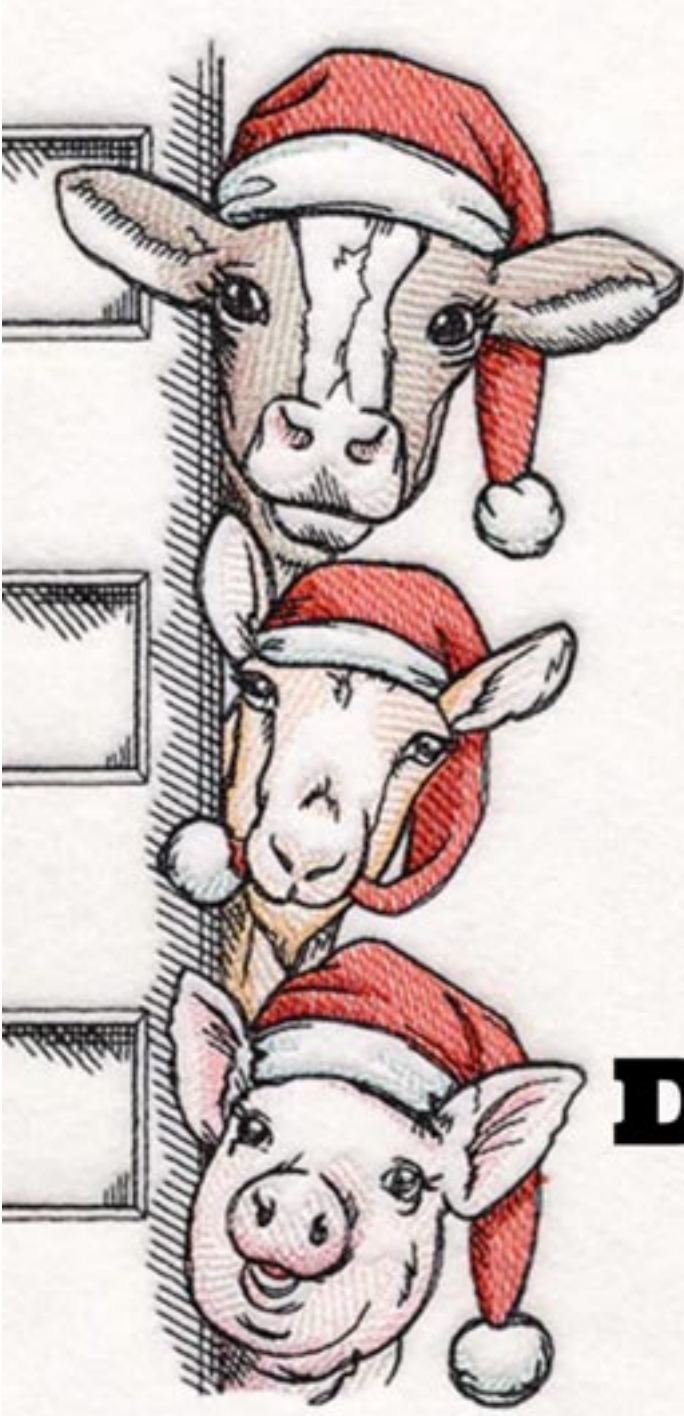
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